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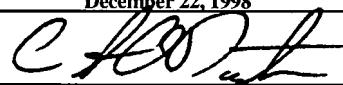
PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Schutt et al.) Group Art Unit 1616
Appl. No. : 08/841,847)
Filed : May 5, 1997)
For : OSMOTICALLY STABILIZED)
MICROBUBBLE PREPARATIONS)
Examiner : G. Hollinden)

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated 23 June 1998, Paper No. 7, Applicant respectfully requests that the above-identified application be amended as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel, without prejudice to the subject matter contained therein, claims 63-65, 77, 78, 92, 93, 127, 129 and 130

Please amend claims 62, 66, 67, 79, 80, 85, 94, 95, 102, 123 and 128 as follows:

62. (Amended) A stabilized microbubble preparation comprising a aqueous medium having dispersed therein a plurality of osmotically stabilized microbubbles, said microbubbles comprising:

AMENDMENT

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